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IV. The purchasers to give in their names and places of abode, and to pay down 10*s.* in the pound, if required, in part payment of the purchase-money; in default of which the lot purchased will be immediately put up again and re-sold.

V. The lot will be sold with all faults and errors of description, and on no account will be returnable.

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Gentlemen, who cannot attend this Sale, may have their Commissions faithfully executed by their humble Servants,

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INTRODUCTION.

Rowland Viscount Hill, born at Prees Hall, Shropshire, on August 11th, 1772, was the son of Sir John Hill, Bart., of Hawkston. He studied at the Military School at Strasburg whilst subaltern, and was aide-de-camp at Toulon in 1793. He commanded the 90th Regiment in Abercromby's Egyptian Expedition in 1801, and was wounded at Aboukir.

An officer under his command at Fermoy, in Ireland, describes him as "a very pleasant, mild man, and much liked."

During the Peninsular War, Hill was Wellington's most trusted General and was constantly employed by him in positions of independent command. Amongst some of his many important achievements, General Hill distinguished himself in command of the Second Division at Talavera. It was at this battle, when the French under Regnier were temporarily successful in an attack upon the key of the British position, that Hill brought up the Twenty-ninth Regiment, which, charging home, drove the enemy from the bluff that they had captured. On the bloodstained hill of Busaco, the General was in command of the right, and defeated Regnier's attack. He was invalided after the campaign of 1810, but resumed his command the next year, and defeated Gerard at Merida, in October.

Wellington's offensive campaign of 1812 was brilliantly commenced by Hill's surprise and defeat of the French at Almaraz. At this time he was commanding the army on the Tagus, and this victory was important, as it broke the French lines of communication between Seville and Madrid.

At Vittoria he directed the attack on the French left, and throughout the strenuous fighting against Soult's army in the Pyrenees, with Hope and Beresford, Hill took his full share of the successes of Wellington's army, afterwards winning the victories of Bayonne and Toulouse. At Waterloo, Lord Hill headed the Brigade (Adams) which swept the Old Guard from the field, and was second in command of the Army of Occupation in France, 1815–1818.

For his services, Hill was made C.B. in 1812 and Baron Hill in 1814. He succeeded Wellington as Commander-in-chief in 1828, and when he resigned in 1842, was created Viscount. He died on December 10th, 1842.

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NUMBER

1 EGYPT, 1801 : GOLD MEDAL (largest size) OF THE IMPERIAL ORDER OF THE CRESCENT, in the original black velvet embroidered case, *fine and extremely rare*

*** General Hill was a member of the Second Class.

[*See ILLUSTRATION*].

2 GENERAL OFFICER'S PENINSULAR GOLD MEDAL : *obv.* Britannia seated to left, etc. ; *rev.* Roleia, Vimiera, Corunna, Talavera, 1808-9, within a wreath of laurel, glazed, in gold rim and inscribed : "Major General Rowland Hill," *fine and extremely rare*

[*See ILLUSTRATION*].

3 GENERAL OFFICER'S PENINSULAR GOLD CROSS for Roleia, Vimiera, Corunna, Talavera, Vittoria, with clasps for Pyrences, Nivelle, Corunna, Talavera, Orthes, Nive. Lieut.-General Sir Rowland Hill, K.B., *fine and extremely rare*

*** Lord Hill's Cross should only have four clasps, Corunna and Talavera being inscribed on the Cross. Sir Nicholas Nicolas gave only four, also in Hart's Army List, 1840, it states "Lord Hill served the campaign of 1801 in Egypt and was wounded 13th March. His Lordship has received a Cross and four clasps for Roleia, Vimiera, Corunna, Talavera (wounded), Vittoria, Pyrenees, Nivelle, Nive and Orthes."

[*See ILLUSTRATION*].

4 Star of a Knight of the Bath: Silver Star, with gold and enamelled centre

5 Another, engraved at back with monogram "G. P." crowned

6 Another

7 Another

8 Waterloo: Silver Medal, with riband and gold buckle. Lieutenant-General Lord Hill, G.C.B.
[*See ILLUSTRATION*].

9 Star of a Grand Cross of the Bath: Silver Star, with gold cross and enamelled centre

10 Gold and enamelled miniature Badge of the Order of the Bath

11 Collar (metal-gilt) of the Order of the Bath

12 Star of a Grand Cross of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order: Silver Star, with gold and enamelled centre

13 Another, embroidered

14 Collar (metal-gilt) of the above Order

15 Badge of a Knight of the Russian Imperial Military Order of St. George: Gold and enamelled Maltese Cross

16 Another

17 Star of the above Order: Silver-gilt Star, with enamelled centre

*** A Dispatch from Field-Marshal the Duke of Wellington, dated Head Quarters, Paris, 21st Aug. 1815, contains a list of Officers upon whom His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Russia conferred Decorations, and includes Lieut.-Gen. Lord Hill amongst the Second Class of St. George.

18 Gold and enamelled Badge with Sash of a Knight Grand Cross of Order of the Tower and Sword of Portugal

19 Another Badge, smaller

20 Star of the above Order

21 Another, with gold and enamelled centre and gold tower

22 Another, smaller

23 ANOTHER, embroidered

*** Lord Hill was granted the above Order for his highly distinguished conduct and meritorious serviees on varions important oecasions. The Royal Licenee for wearing the above Order was granted on the 4th May, 1812.

24 COMMANDER'S BADGE OF THE ORDER OF MARIA THERESA OF AUSTRIA: Gold and enamelled Maltese Cross

*** The Emperor of Austria eonferred the Cross of a Commander of the Order of Maria Theresa on Lord Hill "in testimony of His Imperial Majesty's approbation of his services and eonduet, particularly in the late battles in the Netherlands."

25 CROSS OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF WILHELM OF THE NETHERLANDS: Gold and enamelled Cross, with branches in the angles

26 BADGE OF THE ABOVE ORDER, embroidered

*** On the back is written: "The original Decoration present (*sic*) to Lord Hill by the King Netherlands after Waterloo."

27 ANOTHER, gold and enamelled

*** Commanders wear the Cross embroidered on the left breast of the eoat, and the Badge suspended from the riband of the Order passed round the neek.

28 GOLD AND CARNELIAN ANTIQUE FOB SEAL, engraved with the arms of Lord Hill

29 SILVER ANTIQUE VERGE WATCH, by Fielding of Liverpool; on the dial is enamelled in eolours—Lord Hill reviewing troops, above—"Ld. Hill"

END OF SALE.

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